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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN VIEWS ON CIPEC

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1. MINISTER MINES AND INDUSTRY AXON SOKO QUOTED IN PRESS MARCH 10 AS SAYING THAT ZAMBIA INTENDS CONTINUE 15 PERCENT CUTBACK IN COPPER PRODUCTION AGREED BY CIPEC. REACTING TO STATEMENT BY CHILEAN MINES MINISTER VALENZUELA TO EFFECT THAT COPPER PRODUCERS MAY SCUTTLE CUTBACK BECAUSE OF RISING COPPER PRICE, SOKO DESCRIBED STATEMENT AS UNFORTUNATE AND NOTED THAT UNCOORDINATED STATEMENTS ON BEHALF OF CIPEC HAVE GIVEN THE IMPRESSION THAT "CIPEC MEMBERS WILL ONCE AGAIN FLOOD MARKET WHICH MIGHT HAVE EFFECT OF REDUCING PRICES AGAIN." SOKO ATTRIBUTED RECENT PRICE INCREASES ON LME

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TO SPECULATION RATHER THAN REAL RECOVERY AND NOTED THAT HIGH

LEVEL OF COPPER STOCKS DO NOT JUSTIFY RETURN TO FULL PRODUCTION.

2. PROVISIONAL STATISTICS ON COPPER PRODUCTION FOR 1975 ISSUED BY MINISTRY OF MINES AND INDUSTRY SHOW PRODUCTION OF 644,704 TONS - 623,630 ELECTROLYTIC AND 21,074 BLISTER. THIS REPRESENTS 8 PERCENT DROP FROM ACTUAL 1974 PRODUCTION AND APPROXIMATELY 15 PERCENT DROP FROM TARGETTED PRODUCTION LEVEL OF 760,000 TONS.

3. THERE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NO PUBLIC COMMENT ON UPCOMING COPPER PRODUCER CONSUMER MEETING, AND APART FROM GENERALIZED STATEMENTS ON NEED FOR PRODUCER/CONSUMER COOPERATION GRZ POSITION AT CONFERENCE APPEARS LARGELY UNFORMULATED.

4. COMPOSITION OF GRZ DELEGATION TO COPPER PRODUCER MEETING STILL NOT DETERMINED.

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